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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5184**

### ***AN ACT PERMITTING COUPON BOOKS' USE AS AN INCENTIVE FOR PURCHASING RAFFLE TICKETS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a qualified organization conducting a raffle under the required town permit to promote the raffle by offering coupons to ticket buyers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Organizations Qualified to Conduct Raffles***

The law allows the following to conduct, operate, or sponsor bazaars or raffles if the town where they are located has adopted the Bazaar and Raffle Act: veterans,' religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and charitable organizations; volunteer fire companies; and political parties and their town committees. Raffles may also be promoted and conducted if sponsored by towns acting through a designated centennial, bicentennial, or other centennial celebration committee. To conduct a bazaar or raffle, an organization must have a permit from the town where the raffle or bazaar will take place.

Only the organization's qualified members age 18 or older may promote, operate, or work at bazaars and raffles. And people under age 16 may not sell or promote raffle tickets.

##### ***Related Bills***

SB 417 (File 43), reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, eliminates the \$250 prize limit on teacup raffles, thereby allowing prizes of unlimited value.

SB 35 (File 56), reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, eliminates the advertising restrictions on bazaars or raffles,

thereby allowing qualified organizations conducting such gaming to advertise on radio, television, billboards, and elsewhere.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23      Nay 0      (03/15/2011)